

Targeted fuel subsidy to benefit 2.9 million recipients next year

KUALA LUMPUR: Come Jan 1, an estimated 2.9 million recipients from low-income or B40 households will receive a cash aid of RM30 for cars and RM12 for motorcycles under the Targeted Fuel Subsidy Programme (TFSP).

The payment will be credited into their bank accounts once every four months. The first payment for the January-April period will be in April.

The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry is currently collecting data on the middle-income or M40 group, and once finalised, another five million from this group will also be eligible for the TFSP.

Under the programme, only the targeted groups will enjoy the fuel subsidy.

Following the implementation of TFSP on Jan 1, the retail price of RON95 will be floated gradually so it will not have a material impact on the prices of essential goods.

The TFSP is applicable to eligible Malaysians in Peninsular Malaysia, who must own a vehicle in his or her name, and have valid road tax.

The car must have an engine capacity of 1600cc and below; vehicles above 1600cc that are more than 10 years old are also eligible.

For motorcycles, the engine capacity must be 150cc and below, while those above 150cc must be

more than seven years old.

Malaysians in Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan will continue to receive across the board subsidy with the retail price of RON95 capped at RM2.08 a litre.

Initially meant for only those from the B40 group who receive the Cost of Living Allowance, the M40 group has now been included.

M40 recipients may get their subsidy by using the Kad95 that will entitle them to a 30 sen per litre subsidy for RON95, limited to 100 litres a month for cars or 40 litres for motorcycles.

The Kad95 will be introduced in stages in the first quarter of 2020.
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